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APPENDIX VII.

[Vide answer to question No. 464 asked by Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 26th August 1925, page 783 supra.]

Resolution No. 194.—Council resolves that a water and drainage tax of 8 per cent on the annual rental value of properties be levied with effect from 1st October 1925.

Resolution No. 195.—The levy of water and drainage tax shall not apply to lands exclusively used for agricultural purposes and not deriving any benefit from the water or drainage works on account of which the tax is imposed.

Resolution No. 196.—The buildings and lands, the annual value of each of which does not exceed Rs. 12 and the proprietor of which does not own any other building or land assessed to property tax, and is not liable to companies', profession or income tax, be exempt from property tax, including the new water and drainage tax.

Resolution No. 197.—(1) That the cost of head works should be borne entirely by Government and that, if water is taken from this scheme either directly or indirectly for irrigation purposes, the income derived therefrom should be credited to the municipality, and when these are done, the Council will reduce the water and drainage tax by at least 2 per cent.

(2) That in case the expenditure should exceed the present estimated amount, the entire amount over and above the estimated cost be borne entirely by Government.

(3) That no water from this scheme be allowed to be used within the Agricultural College and Forest College premises and holdings except on terms to be settled with this Council.

Resolution No. 198.—Council strongly adheres to its original resolution and again emphasizes the urgent necessity of including the Central Jail and the Police Recruits School buildings for taxation.

APPENDIX VIII.

[Vide Order of the Day No. III at page 792 supra.]

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the undersigned members of the Select Committee appointed to report on certain draft amendments to Standing Orders Nos. 2 (2) and 6 (3) moved by Mr. G. Rameswara Rao, 40 (2) moved by Mr. J. A. Saldanha and 54 moved by Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Council held on the 3rd February 1925, have the honour to submit the following report.

Amendment to Standing Order No. 2 (2).

2. As the hon. the President has already made arrangements to keep Members informed of lapsed questions after each prorogation of the Council, we consider that no alteration of Standing Order No. 2 (2) is necessary.

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3. The provisions of the present Standing Order No. 6 (3) seem to be clear and to cover the point raised by Mr. Rameswara Rao. The addition proposed by him is, in our opinion, unnecessary.

Amendment to Standing Order No. 6 (3).

4. With regard to Mr. Saldanha's amendment to Standing Order No. 40 (2), it seems to us desirable that there should be some limit to the number of Members appointed to a Select Committee. Accordingly, we recommend the adoption of the amendment in the following form :—

Amendment to Standing Order No. 40 (2).

" *Add* the following to clause (2) of Standing Order No. 40 :—

'The number of such other members so nominated shall not, without leave of the House, exceed fifteen.' "

Standing Order No. 40, as thus amended, would run as follows :—

" 40. (1) The Member of the Government in charge of the department to which the Bill relates and the Member who introduced the Bill shall be members of every Select Committee.

(2) The other members of the Committee shall be named by the Council when the motion that the Bill be referred is made, or at any subsequent sitting. The number of such other members so nominated shall not, without leave of the House, exceed fifteen.

(3) The President shall nominate one of the members of the Committee to be its Chairman. In the case of an equality of votes in the Committee, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(4) A Select Committee may hear expert evidence and the representatives of any special interests affected by the measure before them."

5. On the proposed amendment of Mr. C. Natesa Mudaliyar to Standing Order No. 54, we propose to submit our report next session.

Proposed amendment to Standing Order No. 54.

L. D. SWAMIKANNU.
J. A. SALDANHA.
S. SATYAMURTI.
C. NATESAN.
T. R. V. SASTRI.
W. VIJAYARAGHAVA MUDALIYAR.
P. KESAVA PILLAI.
G. RAMESWARA RAO.
P. KHALIFULLAH.
A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR.

1st April 1925.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 433 asked by Mr. G. Rameswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 26th August 1925, page 762 supra.]

Statement.

District.		Amount of unexpended witness batta sent to the treasury during the last three years.	Amount claimed by parties.	Amount refunded.	Gain to Government by the new rules.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ganjam	1922	338 10 7	70 8 0	70 8 0	8 13 0
	1923	276 7 0	45 8 0	45 8 0	5 11 0
	1924	261 8 0	36 0 0	36 0 0	4 9 0
Vizagapatam ..	1922	209 0 0	No information.	75 5 11	10 1 0
	1923	150 11 0	Do.	60 3 0	7 14 0
	1924	98 14 0	Do.	7 0 0	0 14 0
Gōdāvari	1921-22	439 9 0	37 2 0	37 2 0	36 13 0
	1922-23	283 10 0	Nil.	Nil.	15 2 0
	1923-24	335 0 0	Nil.	Nil.	28 4 0
Kistna	1921-22	936 12 6	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	1922-23	698 5 8	10 12 0	10 12 0	1 6 0
	1923-24	916 13 0	10 15 0	10 15 0	1 6 0
Guntūr	1921-22	226 8 6	2 12 0	2 12 0	0 6 0
	1922-23	37 3 0	0 8 [illegible]	0 8 0	0 1 0
	1923-24	299 14 6	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Nellore	1922	65 14 0	29 4 0	29 4 0	5 10 0
	1923	118 4 0	12 8 0	12 8 0	13 14 0
	1924	46 15 0	Nil.	Nil.	4 3 0
District Munsif's Court, Kanigiri.	1921-22	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	1922-23	5 2 0	Nil.	Nil.	0 11 0
	1923-24	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cuddapah	1921-22	44 14 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	1922-23	18 10 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
	1923-24	33 6 0	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Kurnool	1921-22	35 13 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	4 9 0
	1922-23	13 12 0	Nil.	Nil.	1 12 0
	1923-24	76 10 0	1 8 0	1 8 0	9 10 0
Bellary *	1922	86 13 0	Not mentioned.	36 6 0	4 12 0
	1923	63 12 0	Do.	Nil.	Nil.
	1924	19 7 0	Do.	Nil.	Nil.
Anantapur ..	1922	208 14 6	58 15 0	58 15 0	69 11 6
	1923	78 10 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	5 2 0
	1924	64 0 0	9 13 0	9 13 0	4 6 0
Chittoor	1922	51 11 0	Nil.	Nil.	7 0 0
	1923	62 9 0	1 6 0	1 6 0	6 9 0
	1924	96 10 0	Nil.	Nil.	11 10 0
North Arcot ..	1922	151 7 11	17 3 0	17 3 0	2 3 0
	1923	187 10 7	111 12 0	111 12 0	14 0 0
	1924	78 10 0	17 0 0	17 0 0	2 3 0

* Figures for District Court not given. Apparently there are no figures.